

APPENDIX

Clean version of claim 12 as amended in the Amendment filed on

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12. (Amended) A fuel injector for a fuel injection system of an internal combustion engine, comprising:

- an energizable actuating element;

- a valve needle that is axially movable along a longitudinal axis of a valve;

- a fixed valve seat;

- a valve seat element including an orifice following downstream from the fixed valve seat;

- a valve closing section arranged on a downstream end of the valve needle and for working together with the fixed valve seat for opening and closing the valve, wherein:

 - the fixed valve seat is designed on the valve seat element;

 - a flattened face running perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the valve and being arranged on the downstream end of the valve closing section downstream from the fixed valve seat; and

 - a swirl-producing element arranged upstream from the fixed valve seat, wherein:

 - the flattened face includes a diameter d that is greater than a diameter D of an outlet orifice.